

PARKS, RECREATION AND BEACHES ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, May 26, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.
City Hall, 8th Floor Conference Room
100 North Andrews Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

AGENDA

Roll Call
Pledge of Allegiance
Approval of Minutes

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| 1. Department Report | Terry Rynard |
| 2. Centennial Markers | Terry Rynard |
| 3. Coontie Hatchee Landing Presentation
Patsy West | Terry Rynard |
| 4. Land Use Preservation | Mark Hartman |
| 5. Board Comments/Communications to the Commission | Mark Hartman |
| 6. Adjournment | Mark Hartman |

Other items of interest

Purpose: Study and advise the City Commission on all matters pertaining to the use, maintenance, acquisition, rules and regulations of the parks and recreation facilities of the City.

Note: Two or more City Commissioners and/or Advisory Board members may be present at this meeting. If you desire auxiliary services to assist in viewing or hearing the meetings, or reading meeting agendas and minutes, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 954-828-5002, two (2) days prior to the meeting, and arrangements will be made to provide these services for you. A turnkey video system is also available for your use during this meeting.



CITY OF
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Parks & Recreation
Department

Memorandum

Date: May 20, 2010

To: Parks, Recreation, and Beaches Advisory Board

From: Phil Thornburg, Parks and Recreation Director

Subject: Centennial Markers

Wingate Payne of the Centennial Celebration Committee will present information regarding Centennial Markers to the Board. In May 2008, the City Commission created the Centennial Celebration Committee. The Vision Statement sees the centennial as a "celebration of Fort Lauderdale's heritage that promotes the awareness of our history and creates lasting legacies as we move into the future."

Some of these legacies would be four state heritage markers and up to ten plaques in parks identifying the individuals for whom the parks are named. The four markers are as follows: the 1961 Beach Wade-in at Las Olas, the SE 9th Avenue and the north bank of New River, Sailboat Bend at William Lauderdale Park and the Annie Tommie Seminole Camp at North Fork Elementary School or North Fork Park. Priority for the park plaques would be placed on the older parks such as George English Park, Bass Park, J.C. Carter Park, etc. The Centennial Celebration Committee would also like to see this information posted to the Parks and Recreation website.

In April, the City Commission approved funding for the markers and the plaques but expressed hopes that the committee could seek existing funding from departments or funding from the private sector for these and all of its proposals. The Commission also approved the hiring of a historian consultant to prepare these materials and ensure their accuracy.



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Subject: Coontie Hatchee Landing Presentation – Patsy West

Coontie Hatchee Landing Park is a 2.6-acre site located at 1116 SW 15th Avenue in the Riverside Park neighborhood. The site was purchased in 2004 for a neighborhood park through the Broward County Safe Parks and Land Preservation Bond Program. It is considered to be a conservation area with amenities including a walking trail with fitness stations, a playground, bicycle racks, two gazebos, benches and picnic tables and low-level lighting

On November 21, 2009, the City of Fort Lauderdale and local residents celebrated the Grand Opening of the park. Patsy West, a local historian, was a guest speaker at the opening and gave an informative speech on the history of the land use of the site. She will be present at the Board meeting to educate the members and the public on this information.



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Memorandum

Date: May 20, 2010

To: Parks, Recreation, and Beaches Advisory Board

From: Terry Rynard, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director

Subject: Land Use Preservation

Mark Hartman, Chairman, had requested this be placed on the April agenda for a vote supporting the City of Fort Lauderdale following in the footsteps of the County, and take substantial action to protect park land in the City for the future preservation of wildlife habitat, open green space, and for the posterity of generations to come. It was decided that further discussion on the topic was necessary. Attached for the Board's review are both the County and City's wording regarding the sale or lease of park land.

| Sec. 8.21. - Disposing of public property.

The right of the city to sell, exchange, lease, franchise or deed public property, under the methods and procedures provided in this article, shall not be limited, restricted or abridged on account of the method, source or means by which such property was acquired, the source from which funds were obtained to acquire such property, the use to which this property has been devoted or is presently devoted, or whether such property is used and operated in a governmental or proprietary capacity.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Charter, the city shall not sell, transfer, or lease for more than one (1) year, any land zoned park in accordance with the City's Unified Land Development Regulations without a unanimous vote of the entire city commission. Additionally, any land zoned park on November 10, 2004, shall require a unanimous vote of the entire city commission to remove such designation.

(Ord. No. C-04-36, § 1, 8-13-04)

Section 8.13 BROWARD COUNTY PARK PRESERVATION

A. Definitions.

- (1) "Disturbed Area" shall mean the area of a park which no longer retains the pristine and unique characteristics of a Natural Area Park.
- (2) "Park Purposes" shall mean the use of an area of land in the pursuit of outdoor leisure, athletic, or recreational activities and facilities ancillary thereto including, but not limited to, cultural, educational, and civic facilities, animal exhibits, habitats, band shells, pavilions, outdoor classrooms, and concessions.
- (3) "Passive Recreation Park Uses" shall mean nature centers and trails, scenic areas, wildlife sanctuaries, aquatic preserves and wetlands, or picnic areas.

B. Natural Area Parks.

- (1) The following lands, based upon their unique qualities and environmental character, are hereby designated as "Natural Area Parks":

- (a) Coconut Creek Maple Swamp;
 - (b) Crystal Lake Sand Pine Scrub;
 - (c) Dillard Green Space 212;
 - (d) Doris Davis Forman Wilderness Preserve;
 - (e) Holmberg Road Site;
 - (f) Helene Klein Pineland Preserve;
 - (g) Helwig, excluding the Disturbed Area of the park;
 - (h) Highland Scrub;
 - (i) Hillsboro Pineland;
 - (j) Military Trail;
 - (k) Pond Apple Slough;
 - (l) Saw Palmetto;
 - (m) Shooster;
 - (n) Site 39;
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 - (o) Tall Cypress;
 - (p) Warbler Wetland;
 - (q) West Creek Pineland;
 - (r) William J. Kelly Rookery;
 - (s) Woodmont;
 - (t) Any land acquired in the future which is given this designation by the County Commission;
 - (u) Any currently-owned land subsequently re-designated as a Natural Area Park by the County Commission; or
 - (v) Any subsequently renamed lands listed in Subsection (a)-(u).
- (2) Natural Area Parks shall be used for "Passive Recreation Park Uses" only.

Natural Area Parks may not be sold, transferred, or used for purposes other than as a Natural Area Park unless such action is approved by an affirmative vote of no less than sixty percent (60%) of the electors of Broward County voting in a referendum at either a general election or a special election called for that purpose.

(3) The operation or maintenance of Natural Area Parks may be transferred to a municipality without a referendum, provided that the subject park continues to be used for Passive Recreation Park Uses only as described in this Article.

C. Regional Parks.

(1) The following lands, based upon their unique qualities and environmental character, are described and designated as "Regional Parks":

- (a) Boaters Park;
- (b) Brian Piccolo;
- (c) C.B. Smith;
- (d) Central Broward;
- (e) Easterlin;
- (f) Everglades Holiday Park;
- (g) Markham;
- (h) Miramar Pineland;
- (i) Plantation Heritage;
- (j) Quiet Waters;
- (k) Topeekeegee Yugnee;
- (l) Tradewinds;
- (m) Tree Tops;
- (n) Vista View;
- (o) County-owned property within West Lake;
- (p) Fern Forest;
- (q) Long Key;
- (r) Secret Woods;
- (s) Any future-acquired land given this designation by the County Commission;
- (t) Any currently-owned land subsequently re-designated as such by the County Commission; or
- (u) Any subsequently renamed lands listed in Subsection (a)-(t).

(2) Regional Parks shall only be used for Park Purposes.

Regional Parks may not be sold, transferred, or used for purposes other than as a Regional Park unless such action is approved by an affirmative vote of no less than sixty percent (60%) of the electors of Broward County voting in a referendum at either a general election or a special election called for that purpose.

D. Any land acquired for Passive Recreation Park Uses or for Park Purposes after the effective date of this charter amendment shall, when acquired, be forthwith designated as either a Natural Area Park or a Regional Park. All the land currently owned by the County, on the effective date of this charter amendment, which is subsequently used for Passive Recreation Park Uses or Park Purposes, shall be forthwith designated as either a Natural Area Park or as a Regional Park. The County Commission shall conduct public hearings prior to adopting any resolution designating any currently-owned or future-acquired land as either a Natural Area Park or a Regional Park.

E. All existing or future restrictive covenants or conditions, recorded plats, legally enforceable interlocal agreements, legally binding court decisions or eminent domain proceedings, and other deed restrictions which encumber parks located within the County, including those restrictions which encumber land that has been transferred from the County to a municipality or other entity which run in favor of the County, may not be amended to reduce the majority required to amend or remove the restrictions.

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F. In connection with the future annexation of land by a municipality, the County and the annexing municipality shall ensure that any lands designated as a Natural Area Park, Regional Park and those lands listed in Subsection (H) shall continue to be used for the purposes set forth herein.

G. The operation, maintenance, or title to Regional Parks may be transferred without a referendum to the School Board of Broward County for collocation/shared use purposes or to a municipality, provided that the subject park continues to be used for Park Purposes or that a like acre-for-acre replacement of the transferred property, or greater, is provided to the County and restricted to Park Purposes as described in this Article.

H. Exemption.

The following lands shall not be subject to Section (A) through Section (E) of this Article:

- (1) Boulevard Gardens;
- (2) Reverend Samuel Delevoe Memorial;
- (3) Franklin;
- (4) Lafayette Hart;
- (5) Lewis-Chisolm;
- (6) Roosevelt Gardens;
- (7) South Fork Canoe Launch;
- (8) Sunview.